

## 'At least 2 people' assassinated JFK pathologist claims

PITTSBURGH, Pa. (AP-  
Reuter) — A forensic pa-  
thologist who examined the  
records and materials of  
the autopsy performed on  
President John F. Kennedy  
said Saturday that accused  
assassin Lee Harvey Os-  
wald could not have acted  
alone.

Dr. Cyril Wecht, Alleghe-  
ny County coroner, said at  
a news conference that a  
two-day examination of the  
autopsy materials at the  
National Archives in Wash-  
ington, D.C., convinced him  
that it was "physically im-  
possible" for only one gun-  
man to have slain Kennedy  
in Dallas, Nov. 22, 1963.

Wecht's findings were in  
direct contradiction not  
only with the Warren Com-  
mission conclusion that a  
single assassin was respon-  
sible for Kennedy's death,  
but also with a report by  
Dr. George K. Lattimer,  
the first private physician  
to examine the x-rays.

Wecht said: "The fact is  
that the physical evidence  
shows that not any one per-  
son could have been a  
shooter. There had to have  
been at least two people  
shooting."

Wecht charged that the  
single-assassin finding  
hinges on the theory that

one bullet fired from a sin-  
gle gun wounded Kennedy  
in the back seat of his lim-  
ousine, and also wounded  
and passed through Texas  
Gov. John Connally, who  
was riding in the front seat.

Lattimer made his report  
last January, about two  
months after the expiration  
of the Kennedy family five-  
year ban on making public  
the material.

At that time, Lattimer,  
chairman of the department  
of urology at Columbia Uni-  
versity College of Physi-  
cians and Surgeons, said  
the x-rays proved that the  
front and rear wounds in  
the slain president were  
caused by the same bullet  
which passed through Ken-  
nedy's body and then struck  
Connally.

Wecht disagreed: "It is  
absolutely untenable from a  
scientific standpoint. I was  
quite amazed at the pris-  
tine shape of the bullet.  
When one examines the  
bullet and the various films,  
there can be little or no  
question that that bullet did  
not traverse the body of  
two men."

Wecht also charged that  
Kennedy's preserved brain  
and slides of tissues around  
his bullet wounds were  
withheld from the archives,  
apparently by the Kennedy  
family.

Kennedy spokesman  
Burke Marshall said all  
data requested by the jus-  
tice department was filed.  
He deplored Wecht's "chas-  
ing after parts of the presi-  
dent's body because he  
hasn't found any evidence  
that anything else was  
wrong."

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